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Frederick Man Sues U.S.

WASHINGTON — Harold Weisberg of Shookstown in Frederick County filed suit in U.S. District Court here to gain access to documents the United States used to return James Earl Ray to his country from England.

Weisburg contends the trial documents have been withheld in violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Ray pleaded guilty in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is serving a life sentence. He did not go on trial here but evidence was presented in an English court before his extradition was approved.

Weisberg, who says he has written extensively about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, seeks access to affidavits and medical and ballistics reports used in the 1968 extradition proceedings. He did not say what use he wanted to make of them.

Weisberg filed suit last week against the State and Justice departments. A Justice Department spokesman declined comment pending court action in the case.